

# **Ashburn District Newsletter - May 2017**

Dear Ashburn District Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you are enjoying the month of May as much as I am despite the schizophrenic weather! This newsletter will highlight the next round of the Envision Loudoun process, provide transportation and infrastructure updates, and make you aware of upcoming community events.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office with your questions and concerns.

Kind regards,

Ralph M. Buona

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Vice Chairman of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and Ashburn District Supervisor

# **Transportation Project Updates**

The Loudoun Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure maintains an online <u>project lookup tool</u> that makes it very easy to check on projects in your area.

### Waxpool Road from Unbridled Way to Faulkner Parkway

We are almost done with utility relocations! Open Band and Zayo are complete and Level 3 is anticipated to be complete in May. The General Contractor will re-mobilize any day now for an anticipated Fall 2017 completion.

### Farmwell Road Widening

The project to widen Farmwell Road from four lanes to six lanes between Ashburn Road and Smith Switch Road/Waxpool Road is moving forward. 60% design plans are close to completion and a Public Information Meeting is scheduled for 30 May, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Broad Run High School.

#### Old Ashburn Sidewalks

This project provides funding to design and construct a sidewalk along the eastern side of Ashburn Road between Partlow Road and the W&OD Trail. Ongoing acquisition negotiations with property owners and associated plan changes has delayed land acquisition phase completion from Spring 2017 to Fall 2017. An Invitation for Bid will be developed for construction upon right-of-way acquisition completion.

### **Envision Loudoun**

The Envision Loudoun planning process is progressing nicely. We are now done with the first phase and the second begins in early June. A schedule of meetings is below. Per my request, staff is tailoring this round of meetings to the geography in which it is being held. So, while I encourage you to attend as many meetings as you'd like, the 12 June session at Broad Run High School will have the most pertinence to Ashburn District residents.

Envision Loudoun is an initiative that will have a lasting impact on our community, helping to promote a continued high quality of life in the county. It will result in a new Comprehensive

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Plan that will serve as Loudoun County government's guiding document for land use and development for the future.

June 2017 Envision Loudoun Public Meetings Schedule:

Monday, 5 June, Harper Park Middle School Wednesday, 7 June, Cascades Senior Center Monday, 12 June, Broad Run High School Tuesday, 13 June, Harmony Middle School Thursday, 15 June, Mercer Middle School



# Ashburn Senior Center Design Concept Meeting on 7 June

The Loudoun County Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) and the architecture firm of Grimm + Parker will host an informational meeting regarding the

conceptual design of the Ashburn Senior Center at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, 7 June. 2017, at Steuart W. Weller Elementary, 20700 Marblehead Drive in Ashburn.

The approximately 15-thousand-square-foot Ashburn Senior Center will be built on a five-acre proffered site in the Ashburn area. The site was dedicated to the county by the developer of the Regency at Ashburn. The center will be operated by the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

The Ashburn Senior Center will provide administrative and program space for staff and volunteers at the center, as well as a small gymnasium with two pickle ball courts, large multi-purpose room with an adjoining commercial kitchen, exercise/fitness room, classrooms, a game room, computer lab, arts and craft room, restrooms and storage areas.

Status reports on the Ashburn Senior Center and Loudoun County's many other capital projects are available at <a href="https://www.loudoun.gov/underconstruction">www.loudoun.gov/underconstruction</a>.

### **Small Business Week**

To celebrate Loudoun's Sixth Annual Small Business Week I met with a few small businesses in the Ashburn District. On Thursday 11 May, I visited a business called Flags of Valor. I was incredibly impressed by what I saw. Brian Lee Steorts is the Founder/President of the company and Brian did EIGHT deployments first as infantry in the Army and then as a commissioned officer in the Air Force. Brian was injured on his last deployment and needed significant medical treatment.



Flags of Valor

What impressed me more is that Brian's company provides opportunities specifically for combat veterans and the large majority of their craftsman are service-disabled veterans with significant combat-related injuries. The company also buys virtually everything 100% American and they are also very involved and philanthropic in veteran's initiatives. Thank you to Brian and his team for all they do and for investing in Loudoun!

# **General Updates and Community Events**

#### **Reminder to Lock Vehicles**

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office is reminding residents to be extra vigilant in locking their vehicles. Criminals are searching for unlocked vehicles and valuables such as purses, electronics, cash or and firearms have been stolen. In some cases, the garage door opener in the vehicle has been used to get into the garage and then access the home. The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit is offering residents several tips for deterring thefts from vehicles: o KEEP YOUR VEHICLE LOCKED. Most stolen items are taken from vehicles that are left unlocked. Remove all items from your vehicle, including garage door openers, when not in use. When you cannot do this, put the items out of sight (inside a lockable glove box or trunk). If your vehicle has an integrated garage door opener, please keep the openers out of sight. Park inside your garage, where possible, and keep the garage locked. Or, try to park your vehicle near or under an illuminated area. Report suspicious activity immediately by calling the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office non-emergency line at 703-777-1021 or call 9-1-1.

### New System Provides Real-Time Updates on Sports Facilities

Loudoun sports league participants can now get real-time updates regarding the status of County athletic fields and gymnasiums used for practices and games. The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services has launched a new system with RainoutLine.com for posting the daily status of fields and gyms at department sites and Loudoun County Public Schools. The status is updated at 3:00 p.m. on weekdays, 7:00 a.m. on weekends and more frequently as needed. With the new system, users can: View the status of facilities at loudoun.gov/fieldstatus, RainoutLine.com or on a mobile device; Sign up for customized email alerts for the field(s) and gym(s) of their choice at RainoutLine.com; Call the phone line at 703-454-0011 and enter the extension for the field or gym of their choice; and Download the free RainoutLine.com iPhone or Android mobile app (search Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services). Status options include open/game-time, delayed and closed, in addition to details like school blackout, weather delay and parking restriction. Facilities are listed alphabetically, starting with outdoor facilities.

#### INMED's 2nd Annual Barn Blast



This event will benefit our Family & Youth Opportunity Center in Sterling, serving children and families at risk of homelessness, domestic violence, hunger, poverty and instability. Visit opportunitycenter.us/barnblast to purchase tickets.

### **Youth Employment Opportunity**

Airport Ambassador (Customer Service) - (MWAA-17-11846)

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is recruiting for High School and College aged Student Ambassadors to work at Dulles International Airport.

https://www.recruitingcenter.net/Clients/mwaa/PublicJobs/controller.cfm?jbaction=JobProfile&job\_id=11822

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